

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cold overnight temperatures and season-ending frosts and freezes were happening across much of the State, pushing producers to stay busy harvesting the last of their row crops and preparing their livestock for winter, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Light precipitation was measured across the southern two-thirds of the State, but did little to impact fieldwork. Harvest for chile, corn, and cotton showed progress of 15 percentage points or more during the week, while 94 percent of the peanut crop had been dug and combined, well ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. In Union County, dryland wheat showed signs of drought stress and fire danger was high. Elsewhere, pecans were being harvested in Dona Ana and Lea Counties. Reports from Eddy County suggested that a larger percentage of the pecan crop in the area seemed to be stick-tights – non-developing pecans that will never split – this season. The United States Drought Monitor released on November 7 noted that the State remained free of exceptional and extreme drought (D3 and D4) despite a below average monsoon season and prolonged dryness in many areas as winter approaches. Severe drought (D2), moderate drought (D1), and abnormal dryness (D0) remained entrenched across 8.7, 26.0, and 30.1 percent of the State, respectively, all unchanged from last week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse were evident across 64.7 percent of the State. Drought-free conditions were present across 35.3 percent of the State, with the area mostly limited to the southeast. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 42 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 42 percent last week, 71 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 56 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 24 percent good to excellent, compared with 25 percent last week, 16 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 5 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent very short, 22 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 30 percent very short, 29 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 66 percent adequate last year.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile				
Red harvested	85	64	66	67
Corn				
Mature	94	91	94	96
Harvested for grain	61	46	59	52
Cotton				
Harvested	41	25	29	42
Peanuts				
Harvested	94	85	72	76
Pecans				
Harvested	3	--	12	9
Winter wheat				
Emerging	95	92	99	NA
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed	64	64	45	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed	60	60	27	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	16	4	12
Short	41	42	25	32
Adequate	41	38	68	54
Surplus	1	4	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	18	21	10	12
Short	48	47	27	29
Adequate	34	31	60	57
Surplus	--	1	3	2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	NA	NA
Poor	5	8	NA	NA
Fair.....	35	38	NA	NA
Good	35	31	NA	NA
Excellent.....	24	22	NA	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	3	1	NA
Poor	18	19	12	NA
Fair.....	44	48	31	NA
Good	27	20	49	NA
Excellent.....	7	10	7	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	15	6	7
Poor	32	28	32	21
Fair.....	33	32	46	37
Good	15	18	11	28
Excellent.....	9	7	5	7
Pecans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	6	--	--	--
Fair.....	1	3	10	11
Good	44	39	51	60
Excellent.....	49	58	39	29
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	--
Poor	10	15	16	8
Fair.....	30	36	10	37
Good	45	40	35	39
Excellent.....	14	8	38	16
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	13	13	4	4
Fair.....	46	49	30	29
Good	21	20	53	55
Excellent.....	20	18	13	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	11
Poor	3	5	6	15
Fair.....	48	47	39	25
Good	48	46	54	47
Excellent.....	--	2	1	2

NA – not available

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